



ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The 1994 Bay-Delta Accord included a commitment to develop and fund ecosystem restoration activities to improve the health of the Bay-Delta system. Actions funded under this program were selected for their ecological benefits, regardless of the final configuration of the CALFED Program. To date, CALFED has funded 266 projects for approximately \$256 million. In December 2000, 74 additional projects totaling \$104 million were approved.

To improve the scientific basis of the Program, CALFED commissioned nine white papers to assess the principal ecological processes, habitats, species, and stressors that are the focus of the ERP. Each white paper articulates conceptual models, identifies uncertainties and suggests means for addressing them, and helps refine ERP priority actions.

CALFED agencies are also working with local interests to improve fish passage through dams and diversions. For example, the Program celebrated the removal of Seltzer Dam in Shasta County and supported the Upper Yuba River Studies Program to evaluate the potential reintroduction of salmon and steelhead in the upper watershed.

Ecosystem restoration actions are planned and carried out in close coordination with other CALFED Program elements as well as other restoration and water management programs. Examples include joint planning for levee system integrity, flood management, and ecosystem restoration in the North Delta; water use efficiency to achieve quantifiable benefits related to streamflow, temperature, or water quality; and coordination with the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Basins Comprehensive Flood Management Study. In addition, the ERP will be informed by the Science Program, which will monitor and evaluate the implementation of the ERP actions and conduct pertinent research. CALFED has commissioned a world renowned group of scientific experts, the ERP Science Board, to advise and guide the implementation of the ERP Program.